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**Introduction:** Clarence Ward talks about being retired in Crisfield and living a simple life on the water. He used to work in major cities with the seafood industry and talks about how the seafood industry in Crisfield has definitely slowed down over the years, and he also talks about how people are definitely aware of climate change but are refusing to acknowledge it out loud since they think they can't do anything about it.

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**Joseph Grenagle (Grenagle):** We are here with Clarence Ward. My name is Joseph Grenagle, and with me is...

**Sam Gundlach (Gundlach):** Sam Gundlach.

**Grenagle:** And it is April 19th, Saturday, on- on the year 2025. And we're at Shiloh United Methodist Church. And, yeah, let's get into it. So, Clarence, how long have you lived in the Crisfield area?

**Clarence Ward (Ward):** All my life.

**Grenagle:** How long has that been?

**Ward:** 59 years, yeah, I'm 59.

**Grenagle:** And how have you liked living in Crisfield? Have you liked it?

Ward: Well, I like Crisfield because it's comfortable down here. You ain't got a lot of traffic, you know, like in the city. Because I worked up in DC for like 30 years in and it's fast life up there. I was on a boat, seafood boat, and selling seafood, all kinds of seafood, fish, shrimp, crabs. And it's fast life up there. I worked like a week on a week off, you know, I worked seven days on didn't have seven days off, it was all right. Come- come back home and slow down, right? So, we was up like working like 12, 13 hours a day, you know, first thing in the morning telling and late at night. It's different, but hey, it felt- it felt good being, get out of Crisfield, you know! Get

out of Crisfield for a while, cause you know, it gets to you after a while and you get like, you bored or something, you know cause there ain't a whole lot to do down here. Yeah.

**Grenagle:** And was that always the case when you were younger? Was there not a lot to do in Crisfield?

**Ward:** Well, I always found something to do, you know. It's always something to deal with. Some people don't get bored just, you know, sitting around watching TV and all. Nowadays, people are always on the phones and they seem like they stay busy on the phone. Younger generation, anyway. I'm old school, I like to flip phones, you know, with no internet and not all that mess. Everybody else has got to have the internet because you can find out all kinds of stuff on the internet, right? Yeah. Yes, sir.

**Grenagle:** So, what is it that you would- what would you do when you found something to do? Like, what did you entertain yourself doing?

**Ward:** Oh, and I don't know, I don't know nothing specific, you know, get drunk. Yeah, mainly on the weekends, then I won't be half shot. Go out sometimes. We don't go out that much anymore like we used to. We used to go out all the time. But so much going on in the world today, you know. You got to figure out what's safe and what's not safe. You know, you can't go around a lot of people and all because things happen, bad things and all. Don't want to get caught up in nothing like that. So, you know, try to stay home and stay busy at home. We got a garden and all and we've got pets, we've got three cats and a dog, and they keep us busy enough running back and forth after them. I let them out sometimes and they like to go around in the neighborhood and we got to hunt them down because my wife said, "Oh, where's that Jimmy at? Where's Timmy?" I said, "I think we got Jimmy, Timmy, Anquan, and Hank, Hank Brownworth." Yeah, it's a mess when it come with me water go out when I went home, he wouldn't come with me. I said, "Hank, you can't go," and he put his ears down and walked back.

**Grenagle:** Take it, that's the dog?

**Ward:** Yeah, yeah, Hank.

**Gundlach:** How would you say that Crisfield has changed since you were a kid?

**Ward:** All the business, all the, you know, there used to be a lot of businesses down here, but they're slim to none now because on Main Street they had like restaurants and clothing stores and hardware stores. Oh, I mean, yeah, they had a lot of stuff. They had a supermarket down there, and Dollar General, Ace Hardware, and downtown they had, Forbushes, Milbourne, I mean, there was a lot of stuff going on. They had the crab-picking houses all around. And they, you know, they got the oyster houses where they shucked the oysters and stuff, and they picked the crabs. All of them were just about gone. And what else is it now? Like, they had big restaurants down the side street and Gordon's is still there though. Everything just disappear crazy. All the

small businesses are gone. You got to try to make ends meet, and then, you know, I ain't 62. I don't get no check. I got, you know, do what I got to do. I catch a few oysters here and there, and I shuck them up and sell them, you know, to local people and all. Just make ends meet, pay the rent and stuff, you know. That's good. Hey, if you can't do anything, you're gonna starve to death.

**Grenagle:** So, were you a part of like when Crisfield was really booming seafood-wise, were you a part in that industry or was that when you were in Washington?

**Ward:** Well, back then, yeah, it's all the same industry, you know, because they deliver the stuff right up to D.C. and all, you know, some of the local stuff, and they get stuff from, like, South Carolina and North Carolina and Baltimore. They got this seafood market in Baltimore. Cause we sold, well when I was up there, we sold all different kinds of fish, like 30 different kinds of fish. You know, we got display each and every one of them in like those piles of like wrist and half a pile like that, you know, pile them up. And we got the Macro, Croaker, Spot, Bluefish, King Macro, just to name a few, I mean, you know, and you got the shrimp, selections, you know, and we got the small, medium-sized, large, extra-large, jumbo, and they got the under-five shrimp, they have like five of them to a pound or less. They're big shrimp. And then we got, we used to have live lobsters, live crabs, male, female. It's awesome up there. I like that up there cause it's like, never a dull moment up there. Cause customers come down and they- they get, and the customers can get on your nerves too. Cause they so precise there wasn't something. Where they come from and all, you know, wherever, you know, and just little things that- that I don't really know a lot of it, you know, but yeah, it was, it- it was cool. Yeah, we got there winter time, summer time, hotter than hell or colder than hell, or colder arctic. Yeah, it's got rough up there. Cause they were barges, you know, they weren't the houses or nothing. They were barges that we pulled up to the dock, and they got big signs and all that just to tell the people wow, then they had another place down there, Cat and White Seafood. Then it was a Cat and Red Seafood, Custis and Brown Seafood, and Pruitt's Seafood, now just the Tail of Seafood. Don't know when they're and that's something all of them got going, just, you know. You don't make it; you don't make it. Yep.

**Grenagle:** And were those places specific to Crisfield?

**Ward:** No, no, no. They're from different, they only were from different places, like down Eastern Shore, Virginia, a lot of them, a couple of the bosses that ran, a couple folks were, and Sonny White, Billy White, they're from, like Northern Virginia, like [wrist?] mountain or somewhere around that area. A lot of them all died in the, you know, death comes for you, it comes for ye a lot died out there. They're old bosses anyway, and the younger generations are starting to take over which, you know, keep- keep you know, food on the table. It's- it's a good business, I mean, seafood is, you know, expensive anyway, so. We got a lot of customers and stuff, and like in the city, there's a lot of customers come down there and buy shrimp, crab, crab legs, and lobsters. You know, people got- got their needs. Yeah, that was alright up there. I liked

it. But I had to stop. Take all getting old. Bones and stuff hurt and can't be standing up all day no more. I can't stand up no 12- 15 hours anymore, they going to kill me. But- but last time I went out, there was about 10- 8- 10 years ago, and I was just coming up to go out there and help out on the weekends, you know. They gonna killed me. Yeah, they like killed me up there, oh my God. And I said to myself, "Clarence, you can't do this no more. Let the young bucks do it."

**Grenagle:** So now that you've kind of been cutting back so Angela had mentioned that you guys tend to go to like some nice private beaches or- or kind of low-key beaches and just enjoy the.

**Ward:** Picnic or something, you know, just get away from everything. It's a nice, take a dog with us. Just sit out there for an hour or two. Yeah, she's like that every once in a while. I'll tell you what I mean, you know, family time, gotta have family time.

**Gundlach:** What would you say is some of your most cherished memories of Crisfield?

**Ward:** Cherished? Like all of my memories with Crisfield, it was good, you know, just being here, and that's enough for me, just being alive, being here and doing whatever you want to do, you know. Go out with friends and all and ride around, you know, it's just- it just good.

**Grenagle:** You have a lot of family in Crisfield too?

**Ward:** I got, I got enough, yeah. More than I want. Family can get on your nerves too now. Dig on family, oh God. You got good family, you got bad family, you know, like, they're all good now.

**Grenagle:** Now, I guess kind of still on the subject of memories. Do you remember or were you present for Hurricane Sandy about 12 years ago or so?

**Ward:** I was, yeah, I most certainly was.

**Grenagle:** And how was that for you?

**Ward:** It was kind of scary, it was kind of scary cause dang on it, it got, you know, when that water started coming in, I was with somebody else back then and then we stayed up there on the highway at up there in Windfall Avenue, and we figured we- it wouldn't even couldn't come that high you know. We was on almost high ground and dang on it, we was looking out the window and all, and you can watch the water just coming in. I mean, it looked like it was just coming, coming, coming, and rising, rising, and rising. Then we seen the National Guard was riding by. You know, they go to house to house and say, "It's time to go." Hey, we got on the truck. Okay, going there was scary. Oh, my God. And they come up, too, you know. I was living, my- my house was on Pine Street, 322 Pine Street, and that got flooded out. I had to sign up for a project, you know, because I didn't have no insurance or nothing on the house and it was one of them old two and a half story houses and when they built all of them, they were like about that much off the ground. That ain't nothing, you know, and that all got flooded and it was awful. Yeah, so

that- that didn't work, it didn't work at all because you, that tide messes everything up. It's damages everything. I ain't having a whole lot of money to be rebuilding, you know?

**Grenagle:** So, that home, were you able to ever return to that home or were you?

**Ward:** No.

**Grenagle:** What did you end up doing? Where did you move to?

**Ward:** I moved to the projects, yeah, that's when that's when I moved to the project, it's been right after this going on, yeah.

**Grenagle:** And have you had any other events that were scary? Maybe not as scary as Sandy, I can't imagine, but have you anything else that's significant?

**Ward:** Yeah, they're going down this way, the wind blows real bad a lot of times, and they go and sound like- sound like a tornado sometimes, you know. I said dang gone going we don't get no tornado. They going cause I've seen a like a water sprout one time when I was down hot town up now hot town. I was coming up the road when I seen a water spout that was scary, but it died out, you know, so that was a good thing. Yeah, it was scary. It was like dark; you know what I mean? I never thought I would see one, but they going out there. The girl I was going with said, "What are we gonna do? What are we going to do?" I said, "We're going the other way is what we gonna do." That was fun.

**Gundlach:** Have you noticed any changes in the land, weather, water, or flooding in Crisfield over the years?

**Ward:** I think Crisfield's sinking. I really think Crisfield's sinking, seems like it's getting lower and lower every year. It really does, because where I'm at now, the tide still comes up on the roads and all, you know? And that's very frequent; every time a storm comes, the tides up, you know. Yeah, I think Crisfield sinking. I don't think I'll be around when it does sink but, you know, it's just getting lower and lower because it's really mainly marshland in a way, so ain't much you can do to save it.

**Grenagle:** And how, when that flooding occurs, how does that affect your ability to like go to work or?

**Ward:** Well, a lot of times, when they say there's going to be high tides, you just get what you need and just stay home, you know what I mean? But cause you don't want to drive through that tide and all because it's all saltwater and it eats your car right up, it eats it right up and it rusts everything out, the wheels and the bearings and all that kind of stuff, it's just horrible. And I see people riding through it like it ain't nothing. I said they don't realize it, you know, a lot of people don't have the educated on that kind of stuff, because it cost you, I mean, they're gonna turn your

car up, they're going world of trouble, especially if you ain't got much at, you know, at the beginning.

**Gundlach:** So, you said that you buy a lot of stuff before floods. Do you see like stores running out of things before?

**Ward:** Oh yes, yeah, oh my God. Yeah, like water and eggs and bread and stuff like that because everybody's going get it, right? Yeah, they run out going up, like no bread just might be so hot dog roll and a hamburger roll or something there, but you get what you got to get. I used to get bread ahead of time in a way. I put it, we got an extra freezer, and I put in the freezer, and that way you can just take a loaf out, and then, you know, just, good to go. My wife stores- stores a lot of stuff anyway, she's ahead of the game. Me, not so much, but I'm glad she is. She said, "You gonna thank me when it comes to push to shove, you're gonna thank me." I said, "Yeah, probably maybe." I said, "I can live off land anyway," I said. I- I said, "I can eat squirrel, rabbit." She said, "I ain't eat no squirrel, no rabbit." I said, "Yeah, that's what I mean" and duck. I like rabbits, squirrel, fish, you know, I like all that kind of stuff. Hunting and fishing and stuff. When push comes to shove, you know, I said "We'd love being in the middle of the woods in a log cabin."

**Grenagle:** How often do you fish and hunt around Crisfield?

**Ward:** All the time, when the season's right, you know. I'm ready to go fishing, won't be long, what is it, April? About June, I start fishing when it gets good morning. That's when I catch, I like- I like catching spot and trout. I ain't crazy about stripe, stripe bass, but a lot of people like to stripe bass. I ain't crazy about it. I like that. Think the faster little drive for me, you know, I like flavor fits like Spot, Croakers, Bluefish is alright sometimes, speckled trout is awesome, local fish around here, then you got that freshwater fish, catfish, crab egg, and other fish, Carp, Bluegills, Pike. Yeah, I ain't crazy about fresh water fish though, they ain't got the flavor like salt water fish for some reason.

**Grenagle:** Have you noticed if fish populations have decreased, or is- is it ever harder to catch?

**Ward:** Well, this is like sometimes you can go, you can catch loads of fish, and sometimes you can't catch nothing, you know? You gotta catch the fish at the right time, you gotta catch fish at a right time. Because a lot of people go out and wait and wait, wait, you know, there's always something taking the bait, you know, but you can really catch nothing. And that sucks. I hate going fishing and not catching no fish. But it happens, so deal with it. When I- when I do catch them, I keep all of them legal, illegal. Ha ha ha ha! If I can just make it home with them, right? Yeah, then I cut, clean them, and freeze them, so I can have them, you know, during the off-season. Because, you know, sometimes you got that taste for fish or something, you know, that the way you got them. [pauses]

**Grenagle:** For flood events, how do you personally prepare?

**Ward:** For what?

**Grenagle:** For flooding, how you personally prepare?

**Ward:** I don't prepare, I don't go nowhere, ain't no need. I mean, ain't nowhere to go, I mean, the tides all up and all, cause everything closes down when it gets so bad, you know, so you ain't got- got nowhere to go, so you gotta stay the hell home.

**Grenagle:** Do you do anything for your home to keep it safe from water intrusion?

**Ward:** Well, I've been- the water has been coming up very much, and I put like, I- I had put some oyster shells where I kept some oysters, and where the water sets at. I put the shells down all over there, and then I put dirt on the top of them, so it's solid, you know what I mean? And it's built up higher so the water don't set there too, you know. Yeah, cause that water starts there, then you got the dang gone gnats and the mosquitoes and all and you know. This time of year, they start to come from the ground and all, you know, what they have a load of them around that a nuisance. Mosquitoes and gnats. Grenagle, you from around here?

**Grenagle:** I live in Salisbury.

**Ward:** Yeah, you ain't got to deal with all them bugs and stuff like down here, around this marsh land and salt water. Oh my God, they're driving me crazy. I mean, they get them swarms around. Make you beat yourself to death trying to kill them, you know? It's crazy, but hey, it's true. Then- then you got your gnats, they get all in your hair and biting you, oh my God. It gets bad down here. Got us ups and downs. I guess that's like anywhere though.

**Grenagle:** Have the bugs always been a problem?

**Ward:** Damn right they've been a problem. They don't call them bugs for nothing. Oh yeah, bugs are something. Well, it's mainly like the mayflies. They're usually in here in May, but they- they disappear. And the mosquitoes stay around. And the gnats are here for a- a month, maybe two. But they die out, too, when the heat gets bad, because I guess they can't tolerate the heat. And the mosquitos are hell, you can't get rid of them.

**Gundlach:** Do you feel that climate change is something people in Crisfield actively discuss and plan for?

**Ward:** Climate change? Well, [pauses] I don't think they know, ain't a whole lot they can do about it, so I think they just accept it, you know? I believe they just accept it. With time it's- it's changing though. Cause years ago, the winter was like super-cold. Damn, when I was like young, there was always snow everywhere and ice. Hell, you could walk from Crisfield to Smith Island on the ice. It was so frozen and everything. Now it's like might get a little freeze up, little thin layer across, you know, but nothing like it used to be, so it's definitely getting warmer. [pauses]

**Grenagle:** And what do you think, people just accept it and not try to do anything about it?

**Ward:** I mean, what do you do? That's the thing, what you do about it, I mean. Everybody got their own opinion about- about what to do, you know, but what they do and doing is two different categories, you know. Hey, I don't know personally. I don't know what to do about it. Quit smoking maybe?

**Grenagle:** Now, do you see, like, City Council meetings or anything? Do you ever participate in it?

**Ward:** I do not, no. No. My wife did it over once in a while, but me, no.

**Gundlach:** Are there any other community events besides like city halls that you participate in?

**Ward:** I like the festivals and all we have down here like Crab Derby, and we have Clam Bake and we have the Jazz Festival and that kind of stuff is cool, and then we have like the parade and all. Yeah, that- that's enough entertainment for me, you know.

**Grenagle:** And do you not just attend, but do you participate? Do you like work?

**Ward:** Oh, well, at the Clam Bake, I worked there, and I worked at the raw- raw bar and shucked the oysters on the half shell and clams on the half shell for the public. I mean, you know, it's a little job to, you know, make a few dollars. And I get in free too, so hey, all the beers you can drink. Woo-hoo!

**Gundlach:** Do you guys get a lot of those clams and oysters for those festivals from here in Crisfield?

**Ward:** No, not well, their oysters come from, like, Chincoteague, what, I mean the clams come from Chincoteague and all. But their oysters, I think they- they're local oysters, and sometimes they get them from Louisiana or Blue Point oysters, but mainly clams, that's the clam bait, so that's mainly what we have. Clams on the half shell, dude. Pretty cool, then they got steamed clams and fried fish and crabs, corn on the cob, sliced watermelon. Careful with beer drops. Pin them up to everything you want on your reigns and it's pretty nice, pretty nice.

**Grenagle:** I think it's kind of going back to the flooding and like property damage. You mentioned that you had to be, you were displaced when Sandy came through. In your current living situation, do you find yourself having to make repairs to your homes? Like-

**Ward:** No, well these are like little apartments, they- they're not, and there's people that tend to up their maintenance and all, so that's cool, you know, and they cut the lawn and all that too so.

**Grenagle:** Do you know anybody that has also had to deal with similar situations like?

**Ward:** Yeah, a lot of people, the people that had insurance and all, a lot of them got their homes lifted up, you know what I mean, of the- off the ground. And- and- and it's a whole lot better, you know, because, hey, next time a storm comes, we might not survive it. But I guess we do for



another storm. Ain't no getting around with the weather. Just like some of them other countries, they gone take the whole dang gone city out.

**Grenagle:** Can I ask what kept your home from being repaired after Sandy?

**Ward:** It was too much damage to the foundation and all was going. Cause it was so low to the ground. And that fresh water rots the wood and all. Then you got the mold and all that mess and it's just, hell, it'd be cheaper building a new home.

**Gundlach:** So, as you were being like relocated to a new home after yours had to be destroyed, what resources did you lean on during that?

**Ward:** What do you mean resources?

**Gundlach:** Like, did, where, like, was there places that they were sheltering people, how did the local government help, were there private?

**Ward:** Well, they had the schools and all, until, you know, the flooding and all went down, you know. To stay- stay no, they didn't have nowhere for you to stay. You know the schools and all had to open back up and all and they got [pauses]. Yeah, bad times, you got to rely on family that, you know, that got houses on higher ground and all, you know, just weren't affected by the storm. Some people, like the older houses and all got torn right up. Yeah, because once the foundation messed up, it's- it's horrible. Because when- when that water come in, it come in with force, you know? Yeah, a lot of current with it, cause I was looking at it out- out- out the window, I said, "Dang gone that got some force in that." Because I went after the storm went downtown and like rocks and everything was up pushed right on- on the roads and all crazy. I said "Dang gone was a lot force, you know?" Yeah, it was horrible.

**Grenagle:** And how much of the community helped you or did they help you at all?

**Ward:** Everybody helps everybody down here, you know. If you need some help, somebody anybody would help you, anybody would help, you know, you help with, do what you can for anybody. Yeah, we- we like that down here. Somebody needs some help, you help them. [pauses]

**Gundlach:** So, do you think that the younger generations are less likely to stay in Crisfield? Do you think they're gonna move out?

**Ward:** I think some of them will. Like my son, he moved out, he move to Baltimore. But he's good to have a baby in a hotel, so. That's where his girlfriend lives so. Depends on who you have to meet, somebody that wants to go somewhere else, you're gonna, you know, go with them.

**Grenagle:** And do you think it could also be part of just the local economy being kind of.

**Ward:** Yeah, well, that's got a lot to do with it too now. Ain't a whole lot of jobs down here, so you gotta go where you can get some employment. That's for sure, if you go make a life, you know. Especially if you got kids and all. Yeah, you gotta find employment for your- for your family, tag on that, yeah. Ain't a whole lot of work down here.

**Grenagle:** Do you think that could turn around? Do you think jobs can come back to Crisfield eventually?

**Ward:** I have my doubts. Yeah, I have my doubts on it cause, once I'm gone, it's gone. It's hard to rebuild, you know, when it ain't none. And see, this is dead in town, ain't it? You know, ain't no going through. So, you got to, when you come in, you got to go out the same way. That's got to that, you know, that sucks and so if you're down here, you're stuck down here. That's how we got transportation debt. Yeah.

**Gundlach:** So, with the- the changing economy in a perfect world, what would you like to see put into Crisfield to help with the economy?

**Ward:** What would I like to see put in Crisfield? A Burger King for one thing. I like Burger King. I would like to see a Burger King in Crisfield. Dang gone go all the way to Salisbury, I'll go all the way to Salisbury for a dang gone [Trevor's bag of meal?]. Don't forget to get your pie. It will make you feel a lot better. [pauses]

**Gundlach:** How do you think the fishing and crabbing industry has changed over the years in Crisfield?

**Ward:** It ain't even like it used to be, crab just be so plentiful. Now ain't- ain't as plentiful as they used to be, because you figure everybody's catching them, you know. And hey, it would bound to slow down after everybody's catching them. And the shipping 'em all over the damn world. Everybody likes crabs. Fish, fish is alright right, though. Fishing pretty good.

**Grenagle:** What's your opinions on the current mayor? We've heard a lot of good things about Darlene Taylor.

**Ward:** Darlene Taylor? I ain't got no problem with Darlene. She's been out, you know, she's been doing her job.

**Grenagle:** Do you think Crisfield's optimistic or looking optimistic with her in office?

**Ward:** Well, if you, can only do so dang gone much, you know. Take the money and do a damn thing now, hey. You ain't got the money, damn, you can't budge. But she's making some improvements and all, you know, I think she is in a way.

**Grenagle:** Does she have any opinions on flooding, or like any projects on flooding that you know about, that she's trying to resolve?

**Ward:** Not that I know of. Ain't no whole lot you can do about it. Ain't a whole lot of ain't- ain't shit you can do about that. The flooding gonna come. Damn sure we can't build the city up.

**Gundlach:** Do you feel that your voice and the voices of the other citizens of Crisfield are being heard by the local and state government?

**Ward:** Not really. Who gives a shit, really? That's what they feel. But I- that's all feel anyway.

**Gundlach:** How do you think that they could go about better hearing the voices?

**Ward:** I don't know. I don't know. I really don't know.

**Grenagle:** How- how hopeful are you for the future of Crisfield?

**Ward:** I think Crisfield will be alright. I really think Crisfield is going to be alright for a while. Yeah, I think Crisfield will be alright.

**Grenagle:** And do you think you're going to be sticking in Crisfield for the unforeseeable future?

**Ward:** Yeah, yeah, ain't no need to move now. Got one foot in the grave already, so might as well stay here. Falling apart, getting old bone to aching and all that mess. You got arthritis. Yeah, it sucks getting old. But lord and you're alive, eh? That's the main thing. Yeah. Yes, sir.

**Gundlach:** So, would you recommend Crisfield as a place to live?

**Ward:** Oh, I love Crisfield myself. Yeah, I love Crisfield. I don't wanna go nowhere else, to be honest with you. You know, because I know Crisfield, you know. A lot of places you don't know if you move in unfamiliar territory. You don't how to feel. You don't know if you're safe or not safe, you know, safety first. Everybody I know these and their neighbors and all you know like a little like a big little family for the most of it, and you always got your assholes, they're everywhere, but you deal with them.

**Grenagle:** And so that safety, would that be why you love Crisfield?

**Ward:** Yeah cause, I can, you know, I can lay out on- on the, on the [clowning?] outside there, whatever we call them, they gonna cheer them, and just go it right off, fall asleep, not a worry in the world. That's worth something, right? Yeah. [pauses]

**Grenagle:** Yeah, sure. So, what like wisdom or information would you have to share for like future generations of Crisfield?

**Ward:** Get a damn job. That's the age. That's how you make things work. Get to work. A lot of these young people out here don't want to work. I ain't seen them like it for my life. They got to work, I mean, make a life. Dang gone if I can get them to do nothing. Yeah, well, they gonna find out soon enough, they got to work.

**Gundlach:** So, do you have any last thoughts, anything that you get to talk about that you really want to talk about?

**Ward:** Not a damn thought in the world. No, no, I'm good, I am good with it. Yeah, peace for the world.

**Grenagle:** Thank you so much Clarence.

**Ward:** Yeah man, nice to talk to you guys.

[Transcript ends]